

Remarks

The Office Action mailed November 20, 2006, has been carefully considered. After such consideration, independent Claims 1; 15; and 29 have been amended to distinguish over the prior art of record. In addition, dependent claims 17, 33 and 34 also have been amended to correct minor technicalities. As such, Claims 1-9 and 11-14; 15-19; 20-27 and 29-36 remain in the case with none of the claims being allowed.

The Examiner had objected to dependent Claims 17, 33 and 34 for minor technicalities. These corrections have been made as suggested by the Examiner.

The Examiner had rejected Claim 1 and 11 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,092,705 to Merritt (new grounds). The Examiner had also rejected Claims 1-9, 11-13, 15-27, 29-31 and 33-36 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,883,870 to Jost in view of Merritt (new grounds). Finally, the Examiner had rejected Claims 14 and 32 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,883,870 to Jost in view of Merritt and further in view of U.S. Publication 2003/023455 to Brooks *et al.* (new grounds). Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested in view of the above amendments and the following remarks.

As noted above, the independent Claims have been amended to recite an additional limitation. Specifically, the present inventions now recite that the adaptor also is for replacing said removable headrest. As discussed in the Specification (see e.g. page 3, lines 21-22), in one embodiment, the headrest remains attached to the seat while in the other embodiment (as now claimed in independent Claims 1; 15; and 20) the headrest must be removed.

As also discussed in the Specification (see e.g. page 6, lines 19-24):

In operation of the preferred embodiment the detachable headrest is removed from the top of the passenger vehicle seat and stored in another location such as the trunk of the vehicle. The mounting posts of the adaptor are extended downwardly from the support surface. The mounting posts are then pushed into the mounting rod receptacles of the passenger vehicle seat until the support surface rests against the top of the vehicle seat. Next, the printer is attached to the support surface and secured as disclosed above.

None of the cited references teaches that the inventions as now recited in independent Claims 1; 15; and 20. Rather the references teach maintaining the seating function of the seat.

The Applicant submits that by this amendment, he has placed the case in condition for immediate allowance and such action is respectfully requested. However, if any issue remains unresolved, Applicant's attorney would welcome the opportunity for a telephone interview to expedite allowance and issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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